

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Re-examination and favorable reconsideration in light of the following comments are respectfully requested.

In the office action mailed November 29, 2005, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of inventions:

I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a valve, classified in class 137, subclass 625.3; and

II. Claim 11, drawn to a metering element, classified in class 138, subclass 37.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-10, for the purposes of examination. The election is made without traverse.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

A Petition for a three month extension of time is enclosed herewith along with a check in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the cost of the extension fee.

Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Resp. dated March 28, 2006  
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Should the Director determine that an additional fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 21-0279.

Respectfully submitted,

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